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Consumer Price Index
Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Postal Department is assisting the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) in collecting data for the Consumer Price Index (CPI);

(b) if so, whether it is likely to help the CSO significantly for facilitating better service and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CSO proposes to use online portal system of Indian Postal Department for collecting data of industrial output; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION [SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA]

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. Price data are collected from selected villages by the Department of Posts for rural areas and from selected towns by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for urban areas for compilation of Consumer Price Index (CPI) by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) of this Ministry. These prices are collected through web portals, which minimizes the time of data transmission. These web portals also have the provisions for online scrutiny of data to ensure quality, which help this Ministry in releasing the CPI with very less time lag, that is the indices are released on the 12th day of the following month, if it is a working day, else on the next working day.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.
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